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SUBJECT: ITALY AND THE NPT

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1. DURING RECENT CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, SOVIET EMBASSY
OFFICIAL HERE REFLECTED OPTIMISM ALONG LINES CITED REF. A.
RE ITALIAN RATIFICATION OF NPT.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY, SOVIET OFFICER SAID "WE ARE
TALKING (TO FOREIGN MINISTRY) ALL THE TIME ABOUT IT," BUT
DID NOT VOLUNTEER AT WHAT LEVEL REPRESENTATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE.

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3. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION, RESPONSIBLE FONMIN OFFICIAL

SAID DECISIONS OF LAST PREPCON RE OBSERVER STATUS FOR
SIGNATORY NON-PARTIES ADDED TO, RATHER THAN DIMINISHED,
ITALIAN INTENT TO ADHERE PRIOR TO MAY REV CON. HE ADDED,
HOWEVER, THAT DESPITE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS APPROVAL TWO
WEEKS AGO (REF. B), FINAL DRAFTING WORK ON LEGISLATIVE
PACKAGE FOR PARLIAMENT STILL IS NOT COMPLETE. COMMENT:
ITALIAN PARLIAMENTARY PLATTER IS ALREADY OVERFLOWING. TO
GIVE NPT SUFFICIENT PRIORITY FOR TIMELY MOVEMENT INTO AND
THROUGH THE LEGISLATIVE MILL WILL REQUIRE A HIGH LEVEL
POLITICAL DECISION IN THE GOI. VOLPE

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